



## COMMUNITY AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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### **CITY OF EL PASO FAIR HOUSING TASK FORCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES August 8, 2017**

1. A meeting of the Fair Housing Task Force Committee was held at Park O'Rourke Recreation Center Conference Room and was called to order at 4:06 p.m. by Sandra Pellegrini.

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Christine Gallegos		<b>X</b>
Arlene Alarcon	<b>X</b>	
Adam Gurrola	<b>X</b>	
Marc A. Salazar	<b>X</b>	
Rosa I. Estrada	<b>X</b>	
Kimberly Cook-McDaniel	<b>X</b>	
Bill Schlesinger	<b>X</b>	
Todd Miller		<b>X</b>
Sergio Vasquez	<b>X</b>	

City staff present: Art Rubio, Juan Gonzalez and Sandra Pellegrini.

Public present: List of attendees available upon request.

2. Discussion and action on nomination of Chairperson for the August 8, 2017 meeting.

**Motion made by Arlene Alarcon and seconded by Rosa Estrada to nominate Mr. Bill Schlesinger as Chairperson for this meeting.**

**Ayes: Arlene Alarcon, Adam Gurrola, Rosa Estrada and Kimberly Cook-McDaniel.**

**Nays: None**

3. Review and approval of minutes dated June 20, 2017. Committee members were asked if there were any questions or revisions.

**Motion made by Arlene Alarcon and seconded by Adam Gurrola to accept the June 20, 2017 minutes as is.**

**Ayes: Arlene Alarcon, Adam Gurrola, Rosa Estrada, Bill Schlesinger and Kimberly Cook-McDaniel.**

**Nays: None**

4. Update on YWCA Fair Housing Education and Outreach Activities

Presentation of Fair Housing education activities carried out by the YWCA in the City of El Paso up to date. The YWCA has surpassed the Fair Housing outreach and education goals set for the current year.

5. Discussion and action on content and layout of semi-annual report of Fair Housing Activities

Presented semi-annual report draft to committee members, explained layout and content. Committee members made recommendations as of content, data, format and current status of items included on the report. Members requested additional information on current status of items presented and access to backup documentation.

**No action taken.**

6. Discussion on telephone testing resources

Provided information options to contract telephone testing services as well as cost and budget. Members discussed options to conduct systemic testing in the El Paso area to be used as a screening option that would influence recommendations made on education activities based on the data obtained. Emphasized that these efforts would take the committee to seek funding in the near future.

**Motion made by Bill Schlesinger and seconded by Marc Salazar for staff to develop a mini-proposal for systemic testing for the purpose of identifying possible areas of violation to be addressed by an educational process.**

**Ayes: Arlene Alarcon, Adam Gurrola, Marc Salazar, Rosa Estrada, Bill Schlesinger, Kimberly Cook-McDaniel and Sergio Vasquez.**

**Nays: None**

- 7.** Discussion and action on creation of sub-committee(s) to draft proposal to City Council to expand current Fair Housing Task Force scope of work.

Committee members discussed a work plan to begin work on changing or updating language on the current ordinance to add the proposed scope of work. Staff will draft recommendations and send to committee members.

**No action taken.**

- 8.** Public Comment

**Public commented on resources and public's knowledge on how and where to submit Fair Housing complaints. Public spoke of experience with Fair Housing and accessibility violations encountered.**

- 9.** Discussion and approval of the next meeting date

Committee members agreed to meet on September 12, 2017 at 4 pm.

- 10.** Meeting was adjourned at 4:47 pm.

Prepared by: Sandra Pellegrini